

To make this publication possible we rely on West Virginia Farmers and Agribusinesses to complete our many surveys which this year also included the Census of Agriculture, so I wanted to say **Thank You!** It is only with *your* cooperation that the National Agricultural Statistics Service is able to complete its mission of providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. Agriculture. I am also pleased and very proud to announce that West Virginia consistently has the highest agricultural survey response rate in the nation!

During the Census of Agriculture survey, we were indebted to our Extension Service, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia FFA Association who promoted the 2007 Census of Agriculture and helped inform people connected with agriculture regarding its importance. The Census data will provide a snapshot of agriculture production and the Agricultural community representing farms of every size and type in West Virginia. Again, thanks to all the farmers that provided this vital information, and who furnish this country with an abundant supply of food every single day.

On a regular basis, we also rely on other people who work in state and national government offices, and other organizations and businesses including the West Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Farm Service Agency, National Resources Conservation Service, and the National Weather Service to help provide timely information. We greatly appreciate all of their contributions as well.

Sincerely yours,

*Dale R. King*

Dale R. King  
Director

